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EDITORIAL BY THOMAS NILSSON, SHORTWAVE BULLETIN:

I just wanted to underline some important things regarding sharing information on the Internet and exchange bulletins and this is the translation: DXLD and HCDX are sources becoming more and more important for the active DX-er. The same day new stations pops up, the tip is there on HCDX from one or another source. It is just to read and share it. But certain criteria must be fulfilled to be able to share the information - read for example the introduction regarding Numero Uno in DXLD 00-90 from July 11!

One reason I am stressing this point is that some of our members are not especially keen to share information, because if you don't give you can't get information. My personal view is that it is not any longer possible to hold information for yourself. And it is also absolutely necessary to follow the rules set up by the various sources for sharing this information.

THIS WEEK ON WORLD OF RADIO 1045: See topic summary at
<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wor1045.html>

WORLD OF RADIO ON RFPI: New frequency 21815-USB. See below

** ANGOLA [non]. Djaci, congratulations on your catch. At 1904 UT I am hearing R. Ecclesia, Emissora Catolica de Angola, with news on 15175, SINPO 55545. I read a few months ago in a Portuguese newspaper, that RE had presented to the Angolan government a request to be licensed to transmit on SW from within Angola. For this, RE would be supported by R. RenascenAa, Emissora Catolica Portuguesa, which would lend it a 100 kW SW transmitter (seemingly to be installed in Angola), until RE could amass the money to buy one. RE quit broadcasting on SW some years ago, but its transmitter remains operational. I did not post this news on our list, as I should have, because I did not think RE would succeed in getting authorization, given the conflicting state of relations between the government of Angola and the station. I was awaiting news of the authorization before posting it. Excuse me. RE, before independence, was heard perfectly well inside the country on SW. It had several programs of high quality but its newscasts aligned themselves excessively with the policies of the colonial government of that era. It lacked the editorial independence which it is now showing. So we hope it now receives the authorization requested (Fernando de Sousa Ribeiro,

Porto, Portugal, radio-escutas, translated by gh for DXLD)

** ANGOLA. Much to my surprise, the Angolan authorities not only let the station broadcast, but allow it to audiostream. Here's how to get it:

To hear R·dio EcclÊsia on the Internet; go to <http://www.netangola.com> and click on the English flag for the English pages (the other choice is the Angolan flag, for Portuguese); click on the left hand stacked column, "TV and Radio Online." When the screen comes up, click on "Radio Channel." In the stacked list, click on "EcclÊsia Radio." I tried at 7 in the evening, Central time, and got FM static. It would be well after midnight in Angola, so try another time (Mike Dorner, LA, Catholic Radio Update via DXLD)

We listened to this for almost an hour before 1900 UT Wednesday July 19; music mixed with interviews about Amnesty International, violence in Angola, etc., but no clear IDs; and music continued across the top of the hour when the SW broadcast via Holland also started on 15175, but the two were not in parallel, as the SW gave the frequencies and went into news (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1045, including a recording off SW including ``EcclÊsia`` ID interjected in news)

A recording of the ID of R. EcclÊsia, experimentally transmitting on SW on 15175, is already available on the webpage of CDXA in MP3 format <http://www.cdxa.cjb.net> (Djaci Franklin Silva, Par·, radio-escutas, translated by gh for DXLD)

** ANGOLA [non]. R. EcclÊsia also heard at 2100-2230+ : Carrier up and Interval signal from 2058 to 2100 then male announcer with Portuguese identification and religious music to 2102 which was followed by a long Portuguese talk about local peace issues to 2127. Then another identification and repeated interval signal to 2130 and more talk to 2153. Local songs followed to 2156, another ID and more comments then songs to 2210, followed by a return to Portuguese talks until the signal was lost under noise at 2225. Nothing was heard on 15175 which, according to their schedule, is the frequency they should be using for the evening transmission. SINPO=33333 at best. Both quoted frequencies were checked on the morning of 18th with no-show on either (Mike Ford, England, Jul 17 & 18, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Well, nothing on RN website about such a transmission, dated July 17 seen July 21, just the 0500 and 1900 hours (gh) [Cumbre was not explicit, but frequency apparently 15195 carried over from previous entry not republished here -gh, later]

** CANADA. First heard on CINF Info 690: CBC is calling for tenders in order to privatize its transmission facilities across the country. The announcer reported that the CBC-owned transmission facilities are

valued at more than \$500-million. 200 jobs are at stake. The union says CBC should ask the feds for money instead of burning their own fence as firewood. (Ricky Leong, Quebec, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC seeks buyer for transmission assets | Text of press release from Canadian Broadcasting Corporation web site dated 18th July

Ottawa: The CBC today announced that it is looking at the possibility of selling its network of transmission assets. The Corporation has issued a "Request for Information" seeking a private sector company or consortium interested in acquiring its 608 transmission towers, 750 transmission sites and 2,500 transmitters, assets valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars and the ongoing business of providing broadcasting delivery and other voice/data transmission services to broadcasters and other businesses. Should these assets be sold, the purchaser would be required to provide all over-the-air transmission services to the CBC without affecting program delivery or service to Canadians. The CBC's Re-engineering Task Force, created in December 1999, has completed its review of the way the Corporation manages its transmission and distribution systems. It found that the Corporation's financial and service objectives might be met more efficiently through the sale of CBC's transmission assets. "Selling this large infrastructure should free up more resources for programming," said CBC President and CEO Robert Rabinovitch. "We'll also gain greater flexibility that will allow us to explore different methods of program delivery, such as satellites and the Internet. We must continue to focus on our primary objective - programming. Signal delivery may be more efficiently delivered through other vehicles in conjunction with the private sector." Companies expressing interest in buying these CBC assets and that meet CBC qualifications will be invited to enter a competition process targeted for completion in the spring of 2001. Source: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation press release, Ottawa, in English 18 Jul 00 (via BBC Monitoring and Ricky Leong; also Toronto Star via Ivan Grishin had similar story; WORLD OF RADIO 1045, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Responding to a query from Alan Davies, both Dan Ferguson in VA and Craig Tyson in WA report that the Falun Gong station is now on 9370, ex 9915, from 1400 to 1500. Craig adds that it is heavily jammed on the new frequency. Although not reported in North America yet, 9370 will be an even harder channel as it is used by WTJC in North Carolina (Hans Johnson, WY, July 20, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Since we had so little sign of it on 9915, we now doubt a Pacific site; more likely 'central' Asia (gh)

** COLOMBIA. Rdif. Nacional, Bogot· was heard Thu July 7 on new 9685 between 2200 and 0100 with a very good 20 dB signal, tho with a

boxed-in [? encajonado] sound which has always characterized this station. At 0100 there was VOA QRM on the frequency. This was not heard in parallel on 4955, indicating they may be using the same transmitter for 9685. At 2215 was the program Colombia Deportiva, 2230 Cancionero Latinoamericano and ID giving 4955. Reports were requested to radiodifusora@hotmail.com or to Edificio Inravisi n, Piso 3, Avenida El Dorado, Santa F  de Bogot . They confirm with QSL (Santiago San Gil G., Venezuela, Banda Tropical, Club Diexistas de la Amistad)

On July 13, I heard it on 9635 testing at 2200 and not //4955. Are they looking for an interference-free frequency on 31m? (Jorge Garc a Rangel, Venezuela, Banda Tropical, Club Diexistas de la Amistad; both translated by gh for DXLD, WORLD OF RADIO 1045) [cf DXLD 00-92]

** CONGO DR. Origins of Goma radio SW transmitter viewed
Text of report by Goma-based "independent" monthly newspaper  Temps Present  dated June 2000 and received on 17th July

Several Goma official press journalists will not believe in the existence of the long-awaited shortwave transmitter which is to save the Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD) from chronic media insomnia, until they have seen and touched it.

Prof Kin Kiey Mulumba, head of the party's communication department, announced from Katale that the value of the investment is estimated at some 200,000 dollars. He did not clarify the origin of the funding nor the deal struck to this end. Transparency is not yet an accepted value within the rectification party.

Snatches of information gleaned by the great sleuths of 'Temps Present' indicate that it was Emmanuel Kamanzi, head of the department of land, mines and energy, who announced to his colleagues of the executive in October 1999 this "donation", that he had supposedly negotiated and obtained, of a shortwave transmitter to arrive shortly.

Whatever the circumstances, it is staggering that the RCD waited for two years before seriously getting down to the acquisition of a high-performance shortwave transmitter whilst during this same time the Kabila regime has woven a sprawling media web throughout the land. Source: 'Temps Present' No 15, Goma, in French June 00 (via BBC Monitoring July 18 via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Radio for Peace International has brought their USB transmitter back, on new 21815, heard Tuesday July 18 at 1910 during WORLD OF RADIO, //15049. A good thing, since 6970 is off for repairs. This may be experimental, and no doubt RFPI would be interested in

reception reports on the new frequency: info@rfpi.org Subsequently we have heard it as early as 1430, as late as 0330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, July 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1045, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Notes from RFPI Mailbag with Debra and James Latham, first broadcast July 21 at 2000: 21815-USB is running 1 kW with a log-periodic antenna aimed toward eastern NAM and Europe; at first ran it continuously to test propagation, but now *1200-0400*. Can keep it on later if getting into Asia, etc., but unlikely at present azimuth. The other frequency, 15049, is running 24h to compensate for 6970 being off.

The 6970 situation: The cubical quad antenna gave out earlier than expected. Around July 12 a switch on the exciter for the 30 kW transmitter failed, repaired with parts on hand, and meanwhile put in a larger driver to reach about 35 kW. But the higher power finished burning up the antenna, disintegrating the wires which had been carbonizing for the past year ñ 12 gauge steel, copper-plated.

So a new antenna design on the drawing board is being built earlier than expected, ahead of the high-wind season, a WIDA which means wire inverted dipole array. This will be bi-directional, improving reception in SAM. Very good gain, and more resistant to high winds with aluminum elements half an inch in diameter, and more elements can be added without compromising. Should be ready to test in 3 or 4 weeks. Parts for the AM antenna are also being installed. Solar panels are not up yet. (notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. This schedule shows services broadcast by the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran (VIRI) from its studios at Mashhad, the capital of Khorasan province in northeast Iran, for listeners in central Asia. The mediumwave transmitter on 720 kHz is reportedly located at Tayyebad, also in Khorasan province. The Tajik broadcasts may be in standard Persian. Station ID in Persian: "Inja Mashhad ast, Seda-ye Jomhuri-ye Eslami-ye Iran, markaz-e Khorasan". ("This is Mashhad, the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Khorasan centre.") Address: PO Box 555, Mashhad, Iran. Daily:

0100-0230 TAJIK As 720 7.180
0230-0300 UZBEK As 720 7.180
0300-0430 DARI As 720 9.580
1330-1500 DARI As 720 7.180
1500-1600 UZBEK As 720 5.955
1600-1730 TAJIK As 720 5.955

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** ISRAEL. [WOR 1045 quoted the original version of the following report, which lacked the time, and identified it as Reshet Beth

rather than Galei Zahal]:

On 3516.00 USB at 2010 with rock songs, and many times later, SINPO 44444, but not the following day, //6895, Galei Zahal, maybe from a pirate (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, July 18, 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. The Reshet Hey (Kol Israel International) Live Feed is back with the temporary machine. <http://www.israelradio.org> On the 19th, the Knesset determined the dates for Daylight Saving Time over the next four years. This year, Summer Time will end October 6, two days before Yom Kippur. ('I' don't have the dates for the other years yet.) (Daniel Rosenzweig, July 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST) What about the previous report that DST would last until end of October, same as Europe? (gh)

** KURDISTAN. V. of People of Kurdistan, 6995 has a good website, well put-together with lots of news of interest to the Kurdish people. Frequency mentioned there is 4060, not the new one. <http://www.aha.ru/~said/dang.htm> The station was heard very well tonight on 6995 with several IDs, internet address, in spite of local language, at 0230 SINPO 45444. I think a powerful transmitter is being used for this. Anyone know address for reception report? (Clube DX da AmazÙnia, via radioescutas translated by gh for DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Radio Mayak's sacked staff prophesy station's "imminent demise" | Text of report by the Russian newspaper 'Nezavisimaya Gazeta' on 19th July

The State Labour Inspectorate in the city of Moscow has deemed unlawful the dismissal of employees of the Mayak State Radio Broadcasting Company. The official reply to Aleksandr Zhetvin, chairman of the radio station's trade union organization, says that the leadership violated Part 2 of Article 40 of the Labour Code by cutting the number of employees. By law, the management should have provided the local employment body with information on each person being dismissed - indicated his profession, post, qualifications and wages.

Irina Gerasimova, chairman of the Mayak State Radio Broadcasting Company, was instructed to eliminate this violation of the Labour Law Code. No other violations were brought to light.

The standoff between the radio station's old employees and the leadership, who arrived in the fall, has now lasted more than six months. During this time three Mayak old-timers have died - two of a stroke and one of a heart attack. Employees who are in opposition to the leadership say that the ongoing conflict played not the least role in that.

"After all, we were waiting for changes and we wanted a change of leadership," Mayak observer Lidiya Podolnaya said. However, the old-timers did not like the changes which soon ensued. An order was signed in April to dismiss 38 old employees and in May an order appeared to dismiss four more of the radio station's employees. But the employees affected by dismissal still turn up for work every day.

The list of the Mayak old-timers' complaints against the new leadership is quite long. The leaders' professional qualities occupy not the least place on it. Old employees prophesy Mayak's imminent demise. "There is no longer anything to broadcast and they are simply stopping up the airwaves," Lidiya Podolnaya told 'Nezavisimaya Gazeta's' observer. "The radio station has turned into a retransmitter for news agencies, whose summaries are read out practically without any changes. Listeners' telephone calls have been taken off the air and we have virtually lost our link with our audience." However, it is hard to guess for now how the standoff at Mayak will end and what will happen to the radio station itself.

Source: 'Nezavisimaya Gazeta', Moscow, in Russian 19 Jul 00 (via BBC Monitoring via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Hi Glenn, I get your DXLD's regularly via HCDX. Thank you so much. They are indeed very good for all active radio fans. In response to the item in DXLD 00-93: This Radio Samorodinka is very often heard here on my island of G^{at}land. I got a letter from the operator many years ago - and he seemed very old fashioned already at that time... Plays very old music and talks political matters in Russian (Bj^{rn} Fransson, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. For some considerable time now, Somali warlord Husayn Aydid (or Hussein Aideed if you prefer an alternative spelling) has had a lot of trouble keeping his station on the air on a reliable basis. However, he's now made a big effort to reactivate it, appointing a new station manager (Mr Cabduqaadir Daahir Cabdi, nicknamed Xudeyfa), adding an FM channel (100.5 MHz for the benefit of anyone thinking of Somalia for their holidays) and getting his shortwave transmitter running on 6750 kHz according to the following schedule: 0300-0500, 0900-1300 and 1500-1900 GMT.

Like all the various Mogadishu stations (or all the ones that I know about) the main evening news is at 1700 GMT (this is to try and stop people listening to the news on a rival station).

Listen for the announcement: "Halka aad warkaasi kala socotaan waa reediyow Muqdisho, Idaacada codka shacabka ee Jamhuuriyada Soomaaliya" ("This is the news from Radio Mogadishu, Voice of the

People of the Somali Republic"). (Chris Greenway, UK, July 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1045, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (DUBAI). Service in Tagalog and English, directed to the Philippines was heard July 2 on 17890 from 1135 until 1200 when they closed down with the national anthem of the Emirate of Dubai. This is called ``Radio Pinoy`` mixing English and Tagalog with "Salutaciones de cumpleaños y saludos de familiares residenciados en Dubai" (Jorge Garc a Rangel, Venezuela, Club Diexistas de la Amistad)

Are you sure this was from Dubai? R. Pinoy had been on 17885 at the same time via Kuwait (gh to JGR)

Yes, I am certain that this came via R. Dubai transmitter since I heard their anthem which they customarily play at the opening and closing of broadcasts in Arabic. I have also reconfirmed in past issues of WRTH and PWBR that UAE used 17890 and not 17885. What caught my attention here were the phrases in English mentioning people with names of Hispanic origin, such as Mar a Rosales, Pedro P rez, etc. There is considerable Spanish heritage in the archipelago which left the Catholic religion and many signs of Spanish influence. Nevertheless during the period of American influence in the last century, English overtook Spanish, which has been a great advantage for global communication. I have also learned that the Filipino community resident in this Emirate is rather large, as domestic workers. There were many mentions of ``Dubai City`` during this broadcast (Jorge Garc a Rangel, Venezuela, all translated by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. As part of the government's three-year spending plans announced today (for the period beginning next April) the BBC World Service is to get an extra 64 million pounds to modernize the shortwave relay stations in Cyprus and Singapore with digitally-capable replacement transmitters. The new investment represents an average 3.8-per-cent increase in funding in real terms a year over the next three years. The new funding will also help BBC WS Internet developments in key languages such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi/Urdu and Persian and to develop the World Service FM presence. BBC WS is now broadcast on FM in 112 capital cities of the world and the aim is to increase this to 135 capital cities by 2003-04. (Chris Greenway, England, WORLD OF RADIO 1045, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. It's just been announced in the latest round of spending allocations by the British government that the World Service budget will be increased year on year as far ahead as 2004. I didn't note all the figures but the last figure given was in-excess of 200 million pounds, with the aim of 153 million listeners. (Dan Atkinson,

England, July 18, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. Hi Folks, Just a reminder to join me this Sunday July 23rd at 1500 UTC when I will be talking to "World Famous Pirate and Clandestine Enthusiast" George Zeller on CyberShortwave Live! George will be discussing how he got his start in shortwave listening, the current state of Clandestine and Pirate Radio, The Winter SWL fest, The ANARC SWL NET, receiver reviews, and much, much more. You are invited to join Internet Relay Chat Channel #SWL (via an efnet server during the netcast) to tap George's extensive knowledge of radio monitoring. It promises to be the best Cybershortwave Live netcast ever! For Live365 streaming mp3 links:

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Or point your web browser to

<http://www.live365.com/cgi-bin/directory.cgi?genre=international&st>

and look for CyberShortwave live, or a shortcut would be set your Winamp MP3 player "Open Location" (CTRL-L) to

<http://216.32.166.89:9020>

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<http://www.n1dk.com> Join us as we travel around the world via

Shortwave and the Internet. 73, (Dave Kirby, N1DK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN [non?]. [Cf DXLD 00-93: Radio Aden (ANN.: Idha'atu Aden) in Arabic again on SW! First noted on July 9: 0900-1100 on NF 9900.0 (34443). 73 from (Ivo and Anguel, Observer, Bulgaria via DXLD)]

I am hearing Voice of the Arabs [EGYPT] on 9900 // 11980 instead of Aden at the time mentioned above. (Harald Kuhl, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Another correxion(?) not in time for WOR 1045 taping (gh) ###